



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5488

File No. 111

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**"AN ACT REVISING THE STATE BUILDING CODE FOR  
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH  
DISABILITIES ACT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 3 of public act 03-231 is repealed and the following  
4 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Each place of public assembly, as defined in the State Fire Safety  
6 Code, constructed under a building permit application filed on or after  
7 [July 9, 2003,] the effective date of this section or renovated under a  
8 building permit application filed on or after said date to increase  
9 capacity or change its occupancy, as defined in the State Building  
10 Code, that has a single main entrance shall have [a] such main entrance  
11 sufficient to allow the emergency exit of two-thirds of the capacity of  
12 such place of assembly.

13       (b) The State Fire Marshal or the State Building Inspector may grant  
14 variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate  
15 compliance with, the requirement in subsection (a) of this section  
16 where strict compliance with such requirement would entail practical  
17 difficulty or unnecessary hardship, or is otherwise adjudged  
18 unwarranted, provided the intent of the provisions of subsection (a) of  
19 this section shall be observed and public welfare and safety be assured.  
20 Any such determination by the State Fire Marshal or the State Building  
21 Inspector shall be in writing. Any person aggrieved by any decision of  
22 the State Fire Marshal or the State Building Inspector may appeal to  
23 the Codes and Standards Committee within fourteen days after  
24 mailing of the decision. Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the  
25 Codes and Standards Committee may appeal to the superior court for  
26 the judicial district wherein the place of assembly concerned is  
27 located."